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No-Draft Students Used As CIA Agents, Is Charge

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The Central Intelligence Agency was accused Wednesday by Ramparts Magazine of using staff members of the National Student Ass'n as undercover agents abroad and arranging draft deferments for some NSA officials.

The magazine also declared that the CIA treated NSA as an arm of U. S. foreign policy.

Earlier, President Johnson ordered Undersecretary of State Nicholas deB. Katzenbach to look into the secret subsidy paid to the NSA by the CIA for more than 10 years.

Johnson's personal interest in what has become one of the major controversies of the year in Washington came shortly after Rep. Carl Perkins of Kentucky, chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, said the committee will investigate all the ramifications of the covert relationship between the CIA and the NSA.

Ramparts said that for years NSA officials and staffers were deferred for an "occupation vital to the national interest," and standard practice was for the NSA to send a letter to local draft boards saying that the staffer's services were needed in the NSA's fight against Communism.

There were these other developments in the story:

—The president of the Student Council at Northeastern said he will suggest that a group of Greater Boston colleges "re-evaluate" their membership in NSA;

UNWITTING DANGER

—The Washington Evening Star reported that the CIA has been making under-the-table payments to at least three other youth organizations;

—A Boston woman who formerly worked in public relations for the NSA said its financial link with the CIA placed thousands of American college students in unwitting

danger when they traveled behind the Iron Curtain.

—The NSA's supervisory board met in Washington to discuss what impact the revelation of the CIA support will have on its programs and activities.

Roy Wheelock, president of the Student Council at Northeastern, said he will suggest at the next meeting of the Boston Intercollegiate Council that the Council take stock of whether to remain affiliated with the NSA.

OVERSEAS TOURS

Wheelock said that, last September, while he was in Washington to check certain charges made by Northeastern undergraduates, he was put in touch with a Mrs. Virginia Cooper of the State Dept. and quoted her as saying the department gave money to NSA to send students overseas.

"We feel that we have the right to examine political opinions or coincide with the State Department's views," he reportedly said in admitting the relationship. "We feel that NSA is a group of responsible thoughtful people who have arrived at their own ideas through responsible procedures."

The Washington Star said that, in addition to NSA, the CIA has been using private foundations to funnel cash to the U. S. Youth Council, the World Assembly of Youth in Belgium, and the International Student Conference, which has its headquarters in the Netherlands.

"Despite the large contributions from the CIA, youth and student leaders from this coun-

try who have served in executive positions in all the groups do not believe their independence of action was affected to any great degree by the government support," the Star said.

In Boston, Miss Margaret A. Murphy, who worked for NSA in the late 50s, said the CIA-NSA involvement placed students traveling abroad in danger.

"Any one of these youngsters could have been picked up as a member of the American espionage apparatus and been completely innocent," she said, adding that it was "safe to assume" Russian Intelligence officials were aware of the tieup.

Sam Brown, chairman of NSA's Supervisory Board, said he was jolted by the disclosure that the board was "only the policy-making body on the secondary level." Asked who the top policy-making body was, Brown replied:

"The CIA."

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